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CHARLES OSGOOD: The Walker case may be only the tip of the iceberg. Some say there is an epidemic of espionage afflicting this country.

The thoughts of a convicted spy in a moment.

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OSGOOD: Christopher Boyce wonders about the Walker family case, U.S. Navy men accused of selling secrets to the Russians.

CHRISTOPHER BOYCE: I can understand if someone blunders into espionage themselves and makes that mistake and then realizes what it is. But to then turn around and bring your own kin into it, your own son into espionage, that man could not love his own son, and he could not even like himself.

OSGOOD: Boyce ought to know. He is an American who started spying for the Russians when he was 21, a California employee of TRW with a security clearance and access to a vault full of secrets. He was the Falcon in "The Falcon and the Snowman" case. He is now in federal prison in Marion, Illinois.

BOYCE: I blew it. That's all I can say. I screwed up.

OSGOOD: Some say a lot of Americans are selling their country out these days, that there's an epidemic of espionage.

BOYCE: I agree with that. I agree that it's an epidemic. And I agree that the present methods of combatting it are inadequate. And the best thing that they could do would be to communicate to the four million Americans with security

clearances exactly what espionage would mean to them personally as individuals, how it would wreck their life.

OSGOOD: Some may think there is something exciting or glamorous about being a spy.

BOYCE: You can forget all that. It's drudgery and it's waking up every morning, you know, and knowing that you have to go back into that vault and that your whole life is a deception. The KGB is going -- you know, they despise you while they use it.

If you want to make yourself miserable, you know, whatever problem you have, whatever thing you think you might solve by getting yourself involved in espionage, you know, forget it. All you're going to do is make yourself miserable. It's like walking in a dark room and falling down a hole.

OSGOOD: Boyce, The Falcon, escaped from prison at one point and went to Idaho, where he robbed some banks before being caught. Now 32, he is another kind of hole, another kind of vault, where all he can dream of is freedom.

BOYCE: Going back to Idaho, back up to the mountains, where you can walk for miles and miles, and there's nobody locking a door.